

In the Specification:

Please cancel the entire specification as filed (8 pages) and substitute the attached specification comprising numbered pages 1-17. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 7 - 27 as included in the enclosed specification.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application based on the new claims as submitted and arguments submitted below is respectfully requested. This application was filed with claims 1-6. Claims 1-6 have been rejected and claims 1-6 have been canceled. New claims 7- 27 have been added. Therefore, Claims 7-27 are pending in this Application and are presented for consideration.

Amendments to the Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and approval of the proposed drawing corrections submitted herewith. These drawing corrections are directed towards alleviating the objection of the original drawings due to multiple use of identical numbers to denote separate items. Applicant respectfully defers submission of formal drawings until a receipt of a Notice of Allowability.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 37 C.F.R. 1.71 after entry of the amendments submitted herein. The amendments submit corrections to the specification to more clearly define the present invention, and no new matter has been added to the specification. These corrections to the specification are directed towards: providing the proper brief descriptions of all of the drawings submitted in this application; eliminating the duplicate use of numbers in the specification for different items; provide numbering for the specification; identify each numeral used in the specification; correct misspellings and ambiguous words in the specification; and correct the form of the abstract of the invention as noted by MPEP §608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

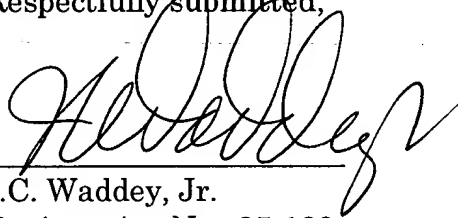
Applicant respectfully notes that new claims have been submitted, and all Claims rejected under the §112 rejection have been cancelled.

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully believes the present application to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any matter of form or language which stands in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned hereby requests a telephone conference to resolve issues.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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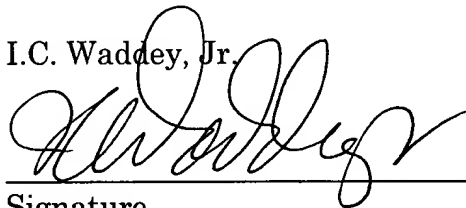
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